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Keech appeal to raise extra £250k a year

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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AN APPEAL to raise £250,000 a year has been launched by a hospice which provides emotional and practical support for children diagnosed with life-limiting conditions.

Keech Hospice, which is based in Luton but also operates across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and Milton Keynes, launched its Gift Aid appeal on Friday.

The charity said the appeal could bring in a quarter of a million a year and is designed to explain to supporters that if they Gift Aided their donations to any of the hospice's 34 shops, then the charity could receive an extra £250,000 annually.

This could pay for nine adult in-patient nurses a year.

The cost of care at Keech ranges from £32, which gives one hour of nursing support, to £750 which can provide 24-hours worth of care for a child who is staying in the in-patient unit at the hospice.

Donations sent in through Gift Aid increase in value as they allow charities to reclaim the



Staff at the hospice show their support for the fundraising appeal

basic rate of tax on the money, meaning that a £10 donation will be worth £12.50.

Philip Kojcinovic, a retail manager at the hospice, said the scheme was 'brilliant' and he had been impressed at how much it could help Keech.

He said: "By registering for the Gift Aid scheme we can claim the Gift Aid on any goods that you bring into your local Keech shop."

"Gift Aid is a simple way to

increase the value of your gift to Keech – at no extra cost to you.

"This money will go directly to helping families in your area.

"This extra money could not only pay the salary of nine IPU nurses for a whole year, or on the basis that one IPU bed costs approximately £700 per night then £250,000 could pay for 357 nights in the hospice.

"I hope everyone supports the scheme and signs up when they next bring a donation to the store."

A spokeswoman for Keech added: "We are determined to reach more people in Luton than ever before but to do this we need to raise more money."

"We currently receive around 25 per cent of our funding from the NHS. The rest we have to raise ourselves through the generosity of the community."

"The extra money raised from Gift Aid will not just pay for more nursing care. We offer a lot more here at Keech."

"We offer music, complementary and art therapy as well as simply nursing care and we support not just the patient but the whole family."



Mr Swaine, who owns Beds Fitness Academy in High Town, lost his legs in 2009 after triggering a bomb while serving in Afghanistan

Soldier's joy after successful operation

AN EX-SERVICE man who lost his legs whilst serving in Afghanistan is walking again thanks to an innovative operation.

Michael Swaine, from Stopsley, said he feels 'amazing' and is now walking full-time since having his operation in

Australia earlier this year.

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DJ advised Federation bosses during scandal

BY KATHRYN CAIN
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TWO senior officials at the Police Federation quit this week, days after it emerged the PR firm of an ex-Three Counties Radio 'shock jock' may have played a part in the Plebgate scandal.

Steve Williams, chairman of the national Police Federation, and General Secretary Ian Rennie, stepped down on Monday after it was found ex-Three Counties DJ Jon Gaunt's firm was brought in to advise the union at the height of the affair in which then Chief Whip Andrew Mitchell allegedly called officers at the gates to Downing Street 'plebs'.

Luton on Sunday has since discovered that Mr Gaunt was also employed by the Bedfordshire Police Federation back in 2012 for two months.

Jim Mallen, chairman of the Beds Police Federation, said: "Jon Gaunt was hired on a short term contract by Bedfordshire Police Federation in September



ADVISORY ROLE: DJ Jon Gaunt

2012 to provide media training to members of our organisation.

"Following this training Mr Gaunt was not used further, in any capacity by us, and has not been used since.

"The reason we used Mr Gaunt is because he used to provide media training at national Federation courses and the feedback with regards to his training was positive."

Fifty-three-year-old Gaunt,

who describes himself as a 'working-class, educated guy with, in broad strokes, a right-wing agenda', appears every Wednesday as a newspaper reviewer on Sky News Sunrise.

He also regularly contributes to television programmes such as Question Time, Countdown, The Daily Politics and BBC News and is also a regular on BBC Radio Two's Jeremy Vine Show.

• THE Bedfordshire Police Federation have said they will not support proposals to give police officers exemptions from fines for taking their children on holiday during term-time.

Branches of the Police Federation elsewhere in the country said they want head teachers to allow officers' children to go on holiday during term-time.

Ray Reed, the Federation secretary and treasurer in Beds, said the organisation had been asked about the matter by some of their officers but had told them that it 'was not appropriate for our staff to ask for this'.

BREAKING NEWS

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CCTV checked after attacker breaks man's jaw

A MAN has suffered a broken jaw after being struck in the face.

The 26-year-old victim had been walking along London Road in Dunstable on April 2 at around 6.30pm when the attack happened.

As he was walking he heard shouting and when he turned around, he saw a man arguing with a woman outside the Angel Wines store.

The 26-year-old carried on walking but moments later was approached from behind by the man who had been arguing with

the woman. He was struck on the side of the face and left eye by the man, who then ran away.

The victim went to the hospital the following morning where an X-Ray revealed he had suffered a broken jaw as well as having swelling and fluid behind his left eye.

Detectives are in the process of checking CCTV but want to speak with members of the public who were in the area and may have seen the assault taking place.

Detective Constable Jo Barkat, who is investigating the assault,

said: "This was a seemingly unprovoked attack which took place because the victim had simply turned after hearing someone shouting in the street.

"I would urge anyone who was in London Road on the day of the attack and may have witnessed the incident, particularly the woman who was arguing with the offender before the assault, to get in contact with Bedfordshire Police."

Anyone with information on this attack can contact the police on 101.

newsbriefs

FAN IN COURT FOR MATCH FLARE

AN ALDERSHOT fan charged with having a flare during the match with Luton Town last Saturday is due to appear in court later this month.

The 16-year-old boy has been charged with possessing a fire-work/flare at a sporting event and will appear at Luton Youth Court on April 22.

He has been bailed on the condition he does not attend any designated football matches in England or Wales.

A smoke bomb was lit in the away section of Kenilworth Road at the game on April 5.

BROTHEL SHUT DOWN BY OFFICERS

POLICE have closed a brothel and arrested three women following complaints about noise and anti-social behaviour.

Paradise Sauna & Health Club in Wellington Street, was closed at 1.40am on Thursday (April 10) by officers executing a warrant. Three women - aged 29, 34 and 37 - were arrested on suspicion of managing a brothel.

VEHICLES RECALLED BY TOYOTA

CAR manufacturer Toyota is recalling 6.4 million vehicles, including 35,124 in the UK, after discovering separate issues with various car models.

The cars are being recalled to their nearest dealer, including ones in Luton, over faults which include a bad spiral cable which is attached to the driver's side airbag.

Among the models being recalled are the 2009-2010 Corolla, 2009-2010 Matrix, and the 2006-2010 Yaris.

COP IN COURT OVER SEX CHARGES

A BEDFORDSHIRE Police inspector appeared in court this week charged with raping one woman and sexually assaulting another.

Inspector Paul Kelly, aged 43, from Bedford Road, Denton in Northamptonshire, is alleged to have committed the offences in 1997, 1998 and 2012.

He was bailed by St Albans magistrates to appear at St Albans Crown Court for a preliminary hearing on April 22. The officer, a father of two, was suspended from police duty on December 23 last year.

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Fighter to train with Roach in the States!

BY TOM SHARP
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A TEENAGE boxer from Luton is looking to make his name across the Atlantic as he embarks on his first solo trip to the USA.

Jordan Reynolds, 18, has been invited to train with Freddie Roach, coach of legendary Filipino fighter Manny Pacquiao, at his world-famous Wildcard Gym in Los Angeles.

Organised by his agent, the West Ham ABC fighter will spend two and a half weeks on the West Coast, starting tomorrow.

Reynolds said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to show what I can do."

"Freddie has trained many of the greatest ever fighters and I want this to catapult me to stardom too."

"I will be sparring with a few Mexican and Cuban lads so it will be a good test of how far I have come and how far I can go."

"They will have to watch out because I am looking to impress them."

"If I can do well in California, there are offers in Florida as well so there is a lot going on at the moment."

The 18-year-old won his second National Ambition Boxing Championships title last December



IN THE RING: Jordan Reynolds (centre) is looking forward to his upcoming trip to the US to train with Freddie Roach (right)



and he hopes to build on his success upon returning from the United States early next month.

He is scheduled to have two fights in three weeks.

Princes Regent in Essex will play host to his opening fight with the undecided Scottish champion on May 10 before taking on the Danish welterweight champion Mike Stefanansson in an unknown venue on May 30.

"It is a massive few weeks for me," added Reynolds.

"I have beaten the Danish middle-weight champion and they wanted me to fight the welterweight champion so bring it on."

"I have to thank my sponsors, Pictons Solicitors, Star Billing, Duke of Clarence, Venue 360 and Chiltern Water Services for the part they have played in me getting these opportunities."

PCC leaked Briggs details to his partner

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Ollie Martins has revealed that it was his partner he leaked secret information to about the death of Leon Briggs while in custody.

Mr Martins is currently under investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and was last month interviewed under criminal caution over the leak.

During a scheduled chat on the Bedfordshire Police Facebook page

earlier this week, Ollie revealed it was his partner, Francis Steer, he had told the information.

Back in 2012, Mr Steer ran the PCC's election campaign, and is an organiser in the Luton Labour Party.

Mr Martins said: "One night over dinner I discussed with my partner sensitive information relating to the tragic death of Leon Briggs."

"I acknowledge that in doing something perfectly normal, sharing the

challenges of my day with my partner, I crossed a line by discussing information I should not have done."

Leon Briggs, a 39-year-old father of two, died in November last year after being detained by police in Marsh Road and being taken into custody.

He was taken to Luton Police Station but later had to be rushed to the Luton & Dunstable Hospital where he died.

His death is being investigated by the IPCC.

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'No snitch' culture hindering inquiry

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THE widow of a Luton man shot dead last year has said a 'no snitching' culture has led to people not speaking to detectives.

Paul Foster, 46, and a father-of-three, was shot in the chest in Lewsey Farm on April 9. His wife Mandy Foster said she was 'deeply saddened' his killers had not been caught.

So far three people have been arrested on suspicion of murder, interviewed, and released in connection with the investigation.

Police said they remained suspects but are not currently facing any criminal charges.

Mrs Foster said ongoing trust issues with the police and the 'no snitching' culture had affected the progress of the investigation.

She said: "The family are of the opinion



Police are still searching for Paul Foster's killers

that there are several people within this community who are aware of what happened to Paul that night but have chosen not speak to the police because of the no snitching culture.

"Individuals who have deliberately chosen to hinder the police and their enquires possibly because of the lack of

trust that exists between the police and the black community.

"I therefore appeal to those people. Please do not make this all about the police and the difficulties you may have encountered with them in the past."

On Wednesday, Delaney Brown Snr, who is Mrs Foster's

step-father and also uncle to Delaney Brown Jr who was murdered in 2012, said he was hopeful the police would find Mr Foster's killers.

Last year, Kyle Beckford, 22, of Waleys Close, was jailed for life for Delaney's murder and given a minimum term of 24 years.

Mr Brown said: "We went through [this] with Delaney Brown. He was murdered so it's the same type of scenario in terms of people not snitching, but people came forward. They were anonymous in terms of the public not knowing who they were, they were protected by the police."

"They were brave enough to go through that procedure and if that hadn't happened then Kyle Beckford would not have been convicted because [the conviction] was directly because of the evidence from witnesses. So we are very hopeful."

Burglar distracts resident

POLICE are warning residents to be vigilant after a distraction burglary was reported this Tuesday afternoon.

The incident happened at 3.50pm at a property in Highbury Road, Luton, when an 82-year-old man answered a knock at his front door.

A woman told the resident that she was from 'home help' and then managed to talk her

way in to his home.

She then had a drink before asking the victim for some personal details.

However, the resident became suspicious of the woman and asked her to leave.

Upon leaving, the woman tried to hug the 82-year-old and remove his wallet from his pocket but was stopped.

Detectives have described

the woman as being white, in her early 30s, 5' to 5'2" tall.

She had an Irish accent and wore a pink top, grey trousers and carried a coat.

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Female trio to fly flag at awards do

BY CARL MUNGASI

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THREE local women have been nominated for this year's Asian Women of Achievement Awards.

Shazia Saleem, (pictured right), Sonia Kaur Summan (pictured bottom right), and Shemiza Rashid, who are all from Luton, have been short-listed in the 54-strong list featuring Asian leaders from across the country.

The awards are run by Real Business magazine and will be given out during a ceremony at the London Hilton Hotel on June 4.

Ms Saleem, who launched her eat foods range last month is up for the Entrepreneur Award.

She said: "Having only launched just over a month ago, to be shortlisted for this great award is an honour.

"I have been a huge fan of Real Business magazine and the AWA's for many years so getting this far means so much to me"

Ms Summan, who works in international new business development at the Arcadia Group, said she felt 'very humbled' to be on the short-



IN THE RUNNING: All three ladies will be up against other high flying individuals from across the country

list for Business Achievement.

She said: "I have only been with the company for six months but I have worked in international business development for over 10 years.

"The thing I love most about what I do is that I also get to do loads of voluntary and charity work outside of work."

Mrs Rashid, a part-time teacher and broadcaster, was nominated for the Public

Service award.

She said: "Originally when I found out about my award shortlist, I was going to keep it quiet and not mention it to anyone.

"However, when I realised that not one, but two other Luton ladies had also been shortlisted in their respective categories, I thought now 'there is a real reason to celebrate'."

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Rothsey pupils exceeded targets set for them last term

Progress being made at school

A SCHOOL placed in special measures has seen improvements in pupil behaviour and teaching following a monitoring inspection by Ofsted.

Rothsey Nursery had been graded 'inadequate' by inspectors last year. Since then, staff at the school have worked to raise standards in teaching and pupil learning.

Head teacher Janet Brownjohn said their recent inspection had given them a boost but added the school still had 'a lot of hard work' to do.

Award for veteran diabetes volunteer

BY TOM SHARP

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A VETERAN campaigner and fundraiser for Diabetes UK has won a volunteering award in recognition of his work in raising awareness of the risks and serious complications of the condition.

Surjeet Soin, 69, who lives in Handcross Road, was described as a 'walking and talking advert' for Diabetes UK, as he was presented with the Raising Awareness Award at the charity's regional

Inspire Awards, held in Peterborough last Saturday.

The 69-year-old, who is the chairman of Luton branch of Diabetes UK, has lived with Type 2 diabetes for 19 years.

He is a Diabetes UK Community Champion and has helped raise awareness of the risks linked to developing the condition and the importance of getting diagnosed and treated early.

The campaigner visits groups to offer advice and information about how to reduce the risks of developing

diabetes as well as details of the care that people living with the condition should expect.

Mr Soin said: "Supporting people living with diabetes and educating others about the risk is incredibly important and something I am passionate about."

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Diabetes UK President Richard Lane said Mr Soin's dedication should be 'bottled and sold on'.


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Consider benefits of Europe

SIR – Martin Newman disagreed with not only my facts and figures but also the government's official statistics by quoting a dubious source (LoS Letters, April 6).

An editorial in The Independent said: "Migration Watch is, of course, no think tank, but a pressure group with a distinctly unpleasant agenda."

Perhaps Mr Newman would like to consider some of the many benefits of being in Europe.

As a retired Unite shop steward, I welcomed those legislations, supported by our Labour MEPs, which have made vast improvements in British workers' lives.

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Cuts forced bus pass change

SIR – I write with reference to S. Fensome's letter last week (LoS Letters, April 6) regarding the issue of concessionary bus passes.

He asked if it was only Luton Borough Council enforcing the statutory scheme?

The simple answer is no. Most local authorities only supported the statutory minimum scheme when free travel on local bus services was introduced

five years ago.

Here in Luton the council paid the bus companies an additional fee to support 24-hour travel by concessionaries.

Unfortunately, in light of the government's ongoing public sector spending reductions, the council is having to identify savings across all of its services.

And 24-hour travel, being a discretionary enhancement of the

statutory service, could no longer be afforded and the council had to revert to the minimum Off Peak Only scheme.

The current national travel scheme which permits concessionary travel during weekdays from 09:30am-11pm with no restrictions at weekends and Bank Holidays, will continue to be supported.

Cllr Dave Taylor
Luton Borough Labour Group

only made possible by our membership of the EU because many would have been fiercely opposed by a Conservative government who, whatever they now claim, still care more about the bosses than the workers.

Nick Murray
Mullion Close, Luton

It's not just bus passes

SIR – I am writing this in answer to S Fensome's comments on the letters' page in

last week's *Luton on Sunday* which said that free bus travel is reduced for OAPs.

That's not the only thing that has changed. Disabled people and pensioners in wheelchairs used to be able to be picked up by Shop Mobility to go to town to do their shopping.

First the council fell out with Dial-a-Ride, now after seven years have ditched Shop Mobility, leaving pensioners now to go with another company and pay around £6 a trip.

Mrs J Thomas
Leagrave Hight Street

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SIR – For readers who like me, love nothing more than hitting the golf course, I have the perfect summer challenge.

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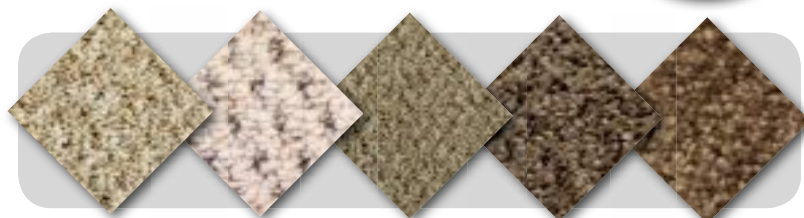
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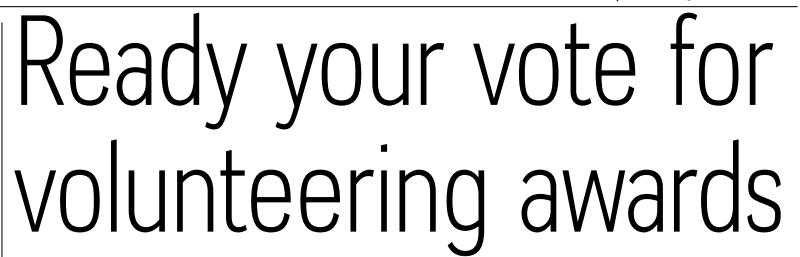
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The announcement comes a

week after easyJet announced a new 10-year deal with the airport which could see the airline double in size at Luton to carry nine million passengers each year and grow capacity by 20 per cent over the next year.

Rail club creates train heist scene

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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MEMBERS of the Luton Model Railway Club have used model trains to re-create scenes from the Great Train Robbery.

The rail enthusiasts spent a year building the model as part of a project to coincide with last year's 50th anniversary of the heist.

Nigel Adams, who worked on the project, said the club 'did not condone' the actions of the robbers, but had wanted to capture the event.

It has been seen at various exhibitions, raising £700 for charity in the process.

Mr Adams said: "We did not set out to glorify the crime and do not condone the



ON TRACK: The project took a year to complete

actions of the robbers that night.

"Therefore, we have carried out considerable research into the history of the robbery so that we present what is believed to have really

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How do you cook

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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I SHOULD start by saying that there is no right or wrong way to make a Bedfordshire Clanger.

As with any recipe, a bit of extra salt here or a dash of sugar there can change the flavour entirely. It's up to the chef to put their own stamp on the dish.

But there is the traditional way of making a Clanger and then there's the new way.

So how do you make one? And for those of us who don't know, what is it?

Well, a traditional Bedfordshire Clanger is a boiled suet pudding with a savoury filling at one end and a sweet filling at the other. It was originally eaten by farmworkers who could munch their way through a whole meal on the go.

Earlier this year, Jamie Oliver and pal Jimmy Doherty cooked up several versions of the classic Bedfordshire dish on their show Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast, including beef with rhubarb and custard and vegetable curry with mango for dessert.

While some applauded

their efforts to bring the dish up to date, others complain the Clangers sold in shops and cafes today bear little resemblance to those which men used to take with them to work in the fields in the 1800s.

One staunch supporter of the traditional Clanger is Denis Coles from Maulden who believes that a real one should be at least a foot long and boiled, not baked.

He said: "You couldn't send a 6ft tall farm labourer out into the fields with just one of those little things for his lunch, they might be nice but they certainly aren't Bedfordshire Clangers"

"You wouldn't dream of going up to Melton Mowbray and messing with their pies."

"I have no idea when the Clanger first came about but I was brought up on them. I'm 82 and have had them like this all my life."

"My father told me my grandad had a photograph of four farm labourers sitting outside a pub many years ago holding Clangers over their shoulders like rifles."

Selling all sorts of Clangers (pictured below with reporter Kathryn) to the public these days is Gunns Bakery which has shops in Sandy, Biggleswade and Bedford.

Gunns hosted Jamie and Jimmy when they came to the county, and sell the new flavours all over the region.

Owner David Gunn said: "What has changed is that now we bake them rather than boil them."

"They always turned out quite stodgy and we wanted something appetising that could be eaten on the hoof."

"As long as we always make the original or, as near to that as we can, it's up to others to decide. We want the chance to reflect modern tastes. I don't think we're going to go back to cooking them in a cloth, I don't think it's what people want to eat."



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a proper Clanger?



PRESERVING HISTORY: Mr Cole says the real Bedfordshire Clanger should be boiled and made with meat, veg and jam

DENIS'S TRADITIONAL BACON CLANGER RECIPE:

INGREDIENTS:
8 heaped tablespoons of plain or self-raising flour
4 tablespoons of suet (vegetable or meat)
300g of filling such as beef skirt or bacon
2 large onions, chopped
medium-sized potato, chopped in cubes
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

■ Combine the flour and suet in a bowl with salt and pepper and gradually knead out until it becomes a sticky dough

■ Chop up the other ingredients and mix with the meat and onions. Roll the pastry out until it is about half an inch thick on a cloth or baking paper

■ Put the filling down the middle and then roll it up and squeeze the edges together

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Phyl Rainey, from Signposts, said: "The area now looks so fantastic and we hope that local people can enjoy it. "I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of our volunteers."

Dealer's jail term appeal is rejected

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A DRUG dealer caught with more than £40,000 worth of high-grade cocaine has lost an appeal to have his sentenced shortened.

Robert Lyle Wilson, 38, of High Street North, Dunstable was jailed for ten years last year after admitting to two counts of conspiracy to supply class A drugs and one of possessing criminal property.

On Tuesday three senior

judges at London's Appeal Court rejected a sentence challenge by Wilson, ruling that his term 'cannot be said to be either wrong in principle or manifestly excessive'.

Mrs Justice Carr said police searched a number of properties in the town associated with Wilson in early 2011 after he was stopped in a car containing a small amount of illicit substances. The subsequent searches revealed the extent of his dealing.

Wilson pleaded guilty to all counts on the first day of his

planned trial on the basis that he was only holding the cocaine and money so they could later be passed to someone else, Mrs Justice Carr said.

On appeal, Wilson's solicitor advocate, Stephen Halloran, argued that the sentencing judge wrongly failed to attribute him a 'lesser role' and handed him a harsh sentence in comparison with that given to a co-defendant.

But the judges ruled that Wilson had played a 'significant role' in the cocaine plot.

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'Toxic' expenses must be abolished says MP

BY CARL MUNGAZIcarl.mungazi@lutononsunday.co.uk

THE MP for Mid-Bedfordshire has called for the expenses system to be abolished and for the public to be able to recall MPs after the resignation of Culture Secretary Maria Miller.

Nadine Dorries, who made the comments on Twitter, said the word 'expenses' had become 'toxic' for the general public.

Maria Miller, who was Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, as well as Minister for Women and Equalities, resigned from the cabinet on Wednesday following a row over her expenses claims.

After her resignation, Ms Dorries wrote on Twitter: 'Maria Miller resigned.

**DORRIES: Abolish expenses call**

Expenses HAVE to be abolished and recall introduced.

'Public has no stomach

for reform, the word expenses is toxic.'

The Independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards had recommended Mrs Miller repay £45,000 of public money after overclaiming on mortgage and council tax expenses.

However, the Commons Standards Committee, which is largely comprised of fellow MPs, had the final say and ruled that she should only repay £5,800.

Mrs Miller then made a 32-second apology in the House of Commons which was criticised for being too short.

In her resignation letter she said that the row had 'become a distraction from the vital work this government is doing to turn our country around'.

Jewellery and money stolen in burglary

DETECTIVES are investigating after antique jewellery was stolen during a burglary in Barton-Le-Clay.

It happened between 12.15pm and 4pm on April 2 at a house

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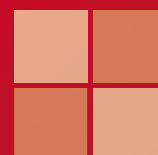
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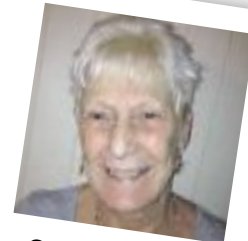
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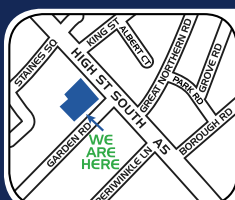
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Cooking time: Medium: 25 minutes per 450g/1lb plus 25 minutes / Well done: 30 minutes per 450g/1lb plus 30 minutes

Ingredients

1 x 1.3kg/3lb lean whole or carvery lamb leg joint
Salt and freshly milled black pepper

For the Herb Butter

2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped or crushed or 5-10ml/1-2tsp garlic purée
100g/4oz unsalted butter, softened
30ml/2tbsp freshly chopped flat-leaf parsley
30ml/2tbsp freshly chopped chives
15ml/1tbsp freshly chopped tarragon

For the Gravy

15ml/1tbsp plain flour
450ml/¾ pint good, hot lamb stock
150ml/¼ pint sweet cider

Method

❶ Preheat the oven to Gas mark 4-5, 180-190°C, 350-375°F.

❷ To prepare the garlic and herb butter; in a small bowl mix all the ingredients together. Place the joint on a chopping board, score the skin, season and spread generously all over. Wrap any remaining butter in cling film or foil and freeze for up to 2 months.

❸ Place the joint on a rack in a roasting tin and open roast for the preferred, calculated cooking time, basting occasionally with any rich meat juices. Cover with foil if browning too quickly.

❹ Remove from the oven; cover and leave to rest on a large plate for 15-20 minutes. Meanwhile, make the gravy; spoon off any excess fat from the roasting tin and discard. Place the roasting tin over a medium heat and sprinkle over the flour. Stir well with a small whisk or spoon, add a little stock and stir again, scraping the base of the pan to release any rich sediment.

❺ Add the remaining stock, cider and any meat juices from the plate. Adjust the seasoning if required and simmer for 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until reduced to a well-flavoured gravy. Strain before serving.

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110g currants
40g mixed peel
1 tbsp apricot jam, warmed & sieved

Flour paste

75g plain flour
1 tbsp caster sugar
80ml water

Instructions

- 1 Combine the yeast, sugar and milk in a bowl and whisk until yeast is dissolved. Cover the bowl and stand in a warm place for 10 minutes or until the mixture is frothy.
- 2 Sift the flour and cinnamon into a large bowl and rub in the butter. Stir in the yeast mixture, egg, water and fruit until well combined. Cover and stand the bowl in a warm place for 1 hour or until the mixture has doubled in size.
- 3 Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead for 5 minutes until smooth and elastic. Divide into 16 and knead into balls.
- 4 Place the dough balls on 2 greased baking trays. Stand in a warm place for about 20 minutes until the dough has risen.
- 5 Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F.
- 6 To make the paste, combine the flour and sugar in a bowl, blend in the water and stir until smooth. Pipe crosses onto the buns using a piping bag with a small plain nozzle.
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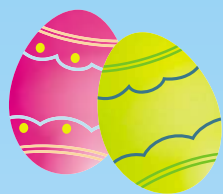
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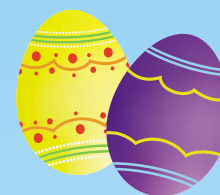
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Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 23 April
Wednesday 23 April	Thursday 24 April
Thursday 24 April	Friday 25 April
Friday 25 April	Saturday 26 April

Reduce waste!

Around 80 million Easter eggs are sold in the UK each year, offering chocolate heaven but also a lot of packaging. Look for eggs that have less packaging in the first place and ensure all recycling is put out for collection in the usual way. Alternatively, make your own hand-painted eggs or bake Easter treats instead!

Recycle more!

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And don't forget to recycle all those plastic food trays, bottles, tins, cardboard and cartons in your green or red recycling bin:

Yes please

- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Catalogues, directories and yellow pages
- ✓ Cardboard packaging
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Plastic tubs and yoghurt pots
- ✓ Tetra packs
- ✓ Food and drink cans and tins
- ✓ Empty aerosols
- ✓ Aluminium foil
- ✓ Textiles (please put them in the clear recycling sack)
- ✓ Small electrical equipment, eg. toasters, kettles, irons, hairdryers



No thank you

- ✗ Plastic carrier bags (take these to your local supermarket or reuse them)
- ✗ Glass (please use your kerbside collection or take it to the nearest recycling centre)
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Tissues
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- ✗ Cling film
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- ✓ Hedge clippings
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Branches up to 10cms or 4ins thick



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- ✗ Soil or turf
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JUST like his mind-bending illusions, DERREN BROWN is 'a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma'.

Here Derren talks exclusively to our writer JUDY RILEY about his new show, shoplifting and predicting winning lottery numbers.

JR: You've said that magicians are 'kids with no social confidence'. How did you find the guts to stand up and perform in front of thousands of people?

DB: "I saw a hypnotist perform when I was at university and it was a very good show. I just thought I had to do that. I loved being the centre of attention – I went so far the other way. I was pretty obnoxious. I had that desire to perform, I loved the control aspect. It would have been a brave move NOT to have done it."

Is it true you were a bit of a naughty kid? Into shoplifting and lying?

"It was nothing major. At that time there were loads of boys' gadgets in the shops and I couldn't afford them. I was getting quite good at it and I loved the idea of the sleight of hand involved. So I'd nip out in my lunch breaks from school. Then, when I was about 17, I looked round my bedroom one day and realised that everything in it, except my bed, was nicked."

Did you ever get caught?

"I was in Harrods one day and I had just lifted a Luther van Dross

cassette when I saw these store detectives making their way towards me. I did that thing of suddenly finding it in my pocket and expressing surprise at how it got there. I put it back quickly."

How do ideas come to you?

"With TV there's a two week window of opportunity. We'll discuss core ideas, work out points worth making and find simple clear dramatic hooks. With stage shows, it's about moments. We create pictures, start off with moods, then the tricks or set pieces come. But we start with feelings."

Can you rehearse your shows in the same way that other stage shows are rehearsed?

"There is a rehearsal process. My collaborator, Andy Nyman, the crew and I try out ideas and set the whole thing out. Andy and the crew stand in for the public but during the process, loads of stuff changes. By the first preview it all works – in theory. Normally pieces work technically but the pace of the show might need to change. In this show there are some bits which, if they don't work, the whole of the second half will be messed up. I just have to hope the audience will be forgiving."

You have an extraordinary capacity for retaining information. Can you still remember the A-Z of London?

"Not any more. Actual memorisation is relatively easy, the tricky bit is reviewing it. In one of my books I explain the technique and list 20 words to help get you started. I can never forget those 20 words because people come up to me every other day reminding me of them."

You've moved on through magic and mind control, is this show,

Infamous, different again?

"I didn't work with Andy on the last show so when we came back to work on this one together we said: 'let's do something different, something more personal.' It still has the element of audience participation in it but it's also more autobiographical."

Do you have a laugh when you're working with Andy?

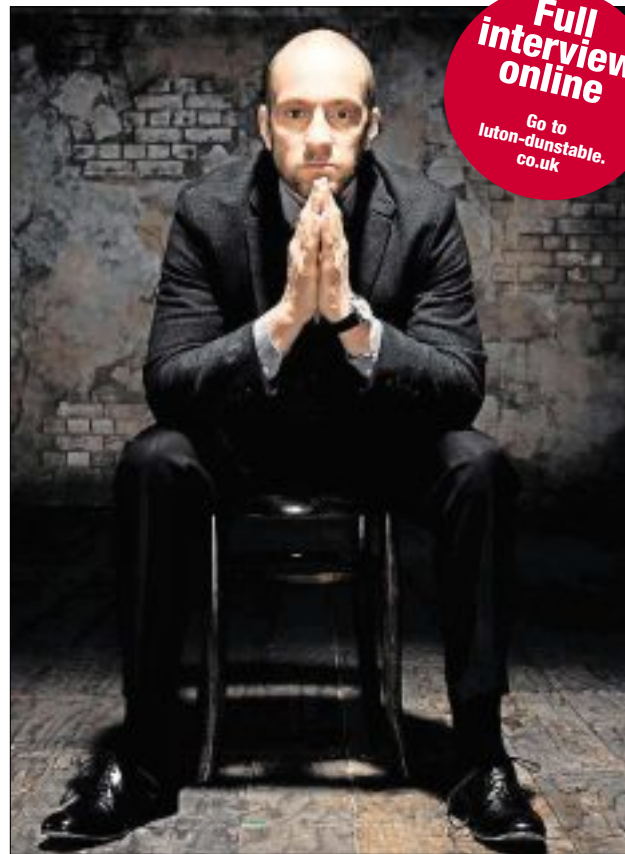
"Oh, god, yeah. It's the only reason we do it. TV tends to be solemn; this is variety, it's much more fun."

You have used your skills therapeutically in the past, have you thought of doing more of that?

"When I thought I was doing that in the past, it didn't sit quite well with me. But now I've grown out of the need to show off I'm quite intrigued to see the links between different neuroses. It's good to refresh, so I might try and find something to work on in that field."

Lots of people must ask why you don't buy the winning lottery ticket or bet on the winner of the 2.30 at Ascot. What do you say to them?

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Full interview online

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SEEING IS BELIEVING: Derren Brown, dark manipulator of magic, is a dab hand when it comes to psychological illusions – and he's a pretty nifty shoplifter too

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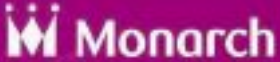
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Winners must be aged 18 and over and the deadline for entries is April 20.

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Muppets deliver family fun

FILM REVIEW

Muppets - Most Wanted (U)

By Mikey Clarke

"The sequel's never quite as good," the Muppets say themselves.

After 12 years of dead air, the Muppet film released in 2011 was a surprise hit. As expected, it was both heart-warming and hysterical, but unexpectedly had a very smart script – which says a lot for a film that features fart-shoes.

After watching Muppets Most Wanted, it's clear that the missing ingredient in the mix is writer Jason Segel, who made the 2011 movie what it was. He's nowhere

to be seen this time around and this film suffers a little because of it.

In the film The Muppets are self-aware – with the opening song featuring the lyrics, "We're doing a sequel, that's what we do in Hollywood, and everybody knows that the sequel's never quite as good". Muppets Most Wanted is not as good as the 2011 offering but it's still miles ahead of many of the other movies in the franchise.

Picking up literally where the last film left off, The Muppets are talked into doing a global tour by their new crooked manager, Dominic Badguy.

On tour, The Muppets find themselves unknowingly involved in a crime caper headed by Badguy and the dastardly Constantine (who is a dead ringer for Kermit).

The crimes come to the attention of two Inspectors: Sam the Eagle and Jean Pierre Napoleon – whose scenes together are often hilarious.

A favourite thing of mine to do whilst watching a Muppets film is to spot celebrity cameos. This one is full of them, but blink and you'll miss out. The A-Listers aren't always used fully and often just appear in the background, but it was still nice to see them – it wouldn't have been a Muppets film without them.

At almost two hours, Muppets Most Wanted may be a little too long for younger viewers, but most will get a kick out of the film. And although it's not as clever or original as its predecessor, it doesn't need to be.

It's still a fun family movie featuring the characters we all love.

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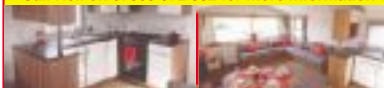
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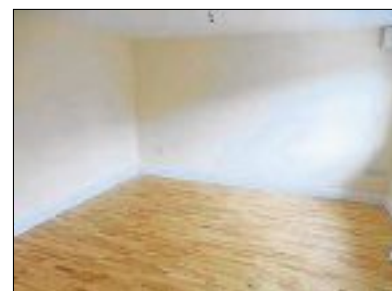


- Quality fitted kitchens
- Three double bedrooms
- Master bedroom + ensuite
- Parking for 2-3 cars
- No upper chain

Two brand new semi detached family homes situated in Houghton Regis offering luxury accommodation briefly comprising entrance hall, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, quality fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, the master with en-suite shower & family bathroom.

Further benefits include enclosed rear garden and driveway for 2 or 3 vehicles. The properties are offered with no upper chain & are covered by a 10 year NHBC guarantee.

Houghton Regis offers great access to junction 11 off the M1 Motorway and the A5 to Milton Keynes. With a local Morrisons supermarket just around the corner, Co-op store and local public houses on your doorstep, all your daily needs are catered for. To view these stunning properties please call Taylor's Estate Agents on 01582 471888.



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Think carefully before you decide on how to improve your property

IN AN INCREASINGLY competitive market place, we know that as long as your property is priced attractively, it will sell.

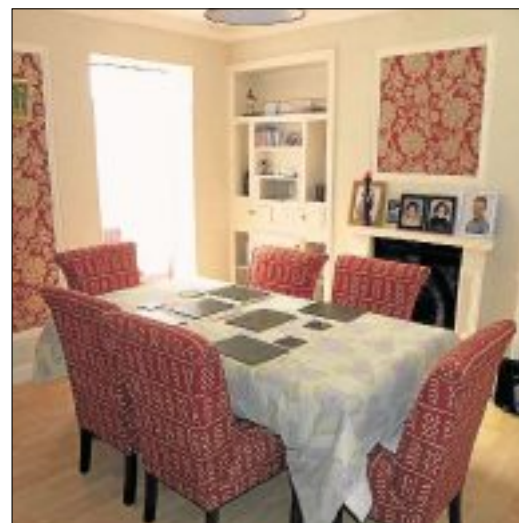
However, many people spend a fortune on improving their homes expecting at least the cost of the improvements to be returned to them via an increased sale price, which can be a mistake.

The advice on this is to be careful. Certainly, improve your home to make it appeal to prospective buyers, but your primary objective should not necessarily be to add significant value, but to enhance saleability. This means making your property more desirable than the other properties currently on the market at about the same price.

You can make any property desirable simply by quoting a price which makes it look amazingly good value next to the others, which may themselves of course be overpriced.

However, without throwing your money into subsidising someone's purchase, there are simple things that can be done to make sure your property looks worth the money.

Much of it relates to lifestyle as much as it does to bricks and mortar. For example, a thorough spring clean complete with the smell of pine bleach in the loos



Think carefully before carrying out improvements on your home

suggests you're proud of your home and care for it.

How about a lick of paint on the doors? Stripped floorboards generally look better than worn carpets, and a day's work in the garden pays real dividends. Try new light fittings or re-grouting the bathroom tiles. Also, remove any

superfluous items from the garden and inside the property, keeping your storage areas tidy as well.

The key is not to rely on your prospective buyer's intuition! Make it easy for them to imagine how pleasant it would be to live in your property, and you could well prompt an early sale.

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Shower room Investment potential



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C/H



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hall * sunny double
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Houghton Regis £209,950

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MUCH SOUGHT AFTER
LOCATION



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Cowper Street

£200,000



3 Bedroom END OF TERRACE property located in SOUTH LUTON. The property has been refurbished throughout to a HIGH STANDARD. The property is perfectly located for access to M1 junction 10 and Luton train station.

Marlborough Court

£130,000



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Gladstone Avenue Offers in excess of £150,000



LARGE ACCOMMODATION this 3 bedroom town house boasts good size rooms throughout, and is situated within a short walk of the train station and is in a secluded area.

Cranleigh Gardens

£230,000



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Cowper Street

£185,000



3 Bedroom end of terrace LOCATED A SHORT WALK AWAY FROM LUTON TOWN CENTRE and Luton train station and is also a short drive away from M1 junction 10. The property is offered with no upper chain and an ideal first time buy or buy to let investment

Hightown Road

£165,000



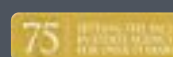
3 Bedroom house with a BEDSIT LOCATED TO REAR OF THE PROPERTY. The property is freehold and is located a SHORT WALK from Luton train station and Luton town centre. This is an ideal opportunity for a by to let investor or a first time buyer

Harcourt Street Offers in excess of £150,000



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Icknield School Catchment

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Sundon Park

£184,995

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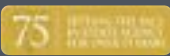
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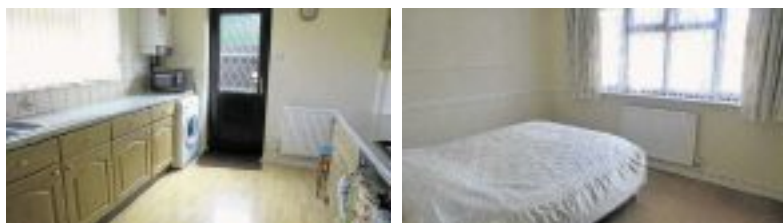
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£130,000


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£210,000


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ROUND GREEN

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Offered for sale with NO CHAIN is this well proportioned detached house situated within a short distance of the popular Round Green area. EPC D

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Taylor's Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £182,000 for 39 Muirfield, Luton, LU2 7SB. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Taylor's Estate Agents, 27 George Street, Luton, LU1 2AF, 01582 456622 before exchange of contracts.



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PROPERTY ADDRESS : 103 ASHBURNHAM ROAD, LUTON LU1 1JW. We are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of £170,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.



Surrey Street **£137,500**

- Two Bedrooms
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- Rear Garden
- Popular Location



Cambridge Street **£135,000**

- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating



The Larches **£135,000**

- Split Level Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Close to Town Centre
- Chain Free



Earls Meade **£122,000**

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Allocated Parking



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PUBLIC NOTICE **£105,000**

Public notice 01/04/2014 by order of the mortgagee in possession we would advise that an offer of £105,000 has been received for the property 65 Hampton Road, Luton, LU4 8AP. Any persons wishing to make an increased offer should notify the agents Taylor's Estate Agents of their best offer.



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- Dining Room
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

£565,000



Foxhill

£365,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three En-Suites
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Chain Free



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Montrose Avenue

£360,000

- Semi Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden



NEW
INSTRUCTION

EPC E



Dunstable Road

£350,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking



NEW
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Sheringham Close

£310,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

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Montrose Avenue

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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

EPC D



Tennyson Road

£300,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Garage



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- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage



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Stanton Road £295,000

- Traditional Style Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garden

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PRICE

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Milton Way £200,000

- Extended Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Utility Room
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- Two Buyers Received
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Roslyn Way £230,000

- Three Offers Received
- SSTC In 24 Hours
- Similar Required
- Chain Free

SSTC

EPC E



Northfields £160,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

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French's Gate £115,000

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- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking & Garden

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- One Reception Room
- One Bedroom
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Chiltern Road £105,000

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- Two Bedrooms
- New Lino Flooring
- New Carpets

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PRESS RELEASE

APRIL 2014

Spring is the perfect time to sell, says Connells

It's been an extremely busy start to 2014 for all concerned in the property market and it would seem Connells in Leagrave is expecting the market to get busier.

As part of its national network Connells has reported over a third more buyers registering an interest in buying a property in March compared with the same month last year.

With spring now upon us and interest from buyers continually rising, Branch Manager Bhavin Thakrar at Connells in Leagrave believes that now is the time for potential sellers to get the wheels in motion and put your home on the market: "Easter is just around the corner and this is always our busiest time of year, if people looking to sell get their property on the market now they'll be in the strongest position possible to secure a buyer," says Bhavin.

"It has been a brilliant start to 2014 with so much interest from buyers," Bhavin continues. "With spring being the best time for people to sell their homes we are confident the supply of property will begin to increase and catch up with the huge demand from home buyers."

March has also been a record breaking month for sales at Connells. Across the UK there has been a 28% increase on sales made in March this year compared to last, showing just how buoyant the property market is at present.

"Although we've had a really successful first three months of the year, the need for more properties to enter onto the market still burns strongly," says Bhavin. "If anybody out there is looking to sell their property then we urge them to get in touch now," says Bhavin.

If you have a property to sell and would like to book a free market appraisal with Connells, please contact the branch on **01582 595127** or email: **Leagrave@Connells.co.uk**



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Ashcroft Road £155,000

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Lilley Village £279,995

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Village Location



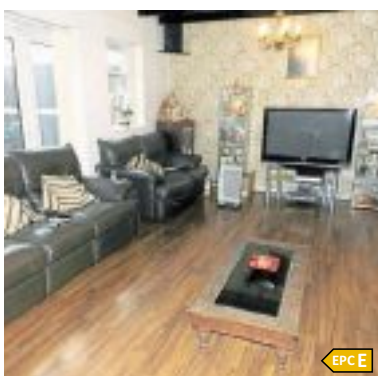
Ditchling Close £225,000

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom & Downstairs WC



Hitchin Road £220,000

- Split Level Maisonette
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Garden to Rear



Sussex Place £219,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Off Road Parking



Felstead Way £395,000

- Detached Property
- Three/Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Balcony & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens



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Luton Lettings branch manager Justin Walters explains that we are a team of friendly qualified local staff with a wide range of experiences that can deal competently with all levels of property portfolios from a single investment to a block of apartments. We take great pride in our people approach and a 'can-do' attitude that has helped to create a successful managed property portfolio locally. As a member of the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA), Connells is committed to providing the best possible service to landlords and tenants. Connells Lettings operates from five branches locally, which are based in Luton Town Centre, Stopsley, Leagrave, Dunstable and Flitwick. Having these five locations helps give the greatest exposure to the quality tenants that our landlords require and keep the time properties are empty down to a minimum.

Due to the continued success of Connells Lettings, Justin Walters (Lettings Manager) would like to congratulate Leanne Bayliss (Lettings Negotiator) on a record breaking start to 2014, with the first three months of the year being our most successful since our start-up. 'Leanne has been a great asset to the team' Justin explains and will maintain the excellent relationship with existing and future landlords and tenants.

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DESCRIPTION

The property comprises a ground floor lock up shop along with one studio room, two x one bedroom flats and one x two bedroom flat situated within a mid terrace building arranged over basement, ground and two upper floors. The property has been extended to the rear and benefits from three entrances.

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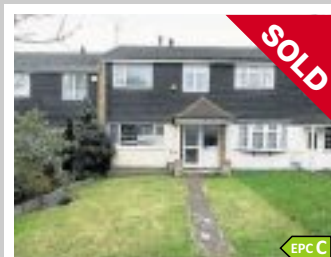


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Be part of the UK's largest Open House Event this May with Taylors Estate Agents

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market conditions,” says Richard Yusuf.

The team at Luton will join more than 1,300 branches throughout the UK in this national ‘Open House Weekend’ campaign. For vendors, the Open House event is supported by a nationwide campaign and featured properties will benefit from enhanced exposure, increased buyer interest and multiple viewings. For buyers, the event presents a good opportunity to move fast, secure multiple viewings, and compare and contrast properties over just two days.

In addition to the Open House Weekend, Taylors Estate Agents will also be promoting the Government's Help to Buy scheme, which is assisting more first-time buyers and home movers to get on or move up the property ladder.

Regional Manager Richard Yusuf commented:

“The Open House Weekend is an ideal opportunity for sellers and landlords to promote their property and attract lots of viewings from interested buyers. Last year's Open House event held in May featured 11,500 properties,

generating more than 24,500 viewings and resulting in more than 2,700 sales. We are confident that this year's event will exceed last year's success. We are keen to showcase as many properties as we possibly can to ensure we help match the right buyer to the right property.”

Be part of the UK's largest Open House Weekend. Contact the Taylors team on 01582 638 870 or visit the branch on 27 George Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 2AF. For a full list of all the properties participating in the ‘Open House Weekend event’, log on to www.propertywide.co.uk

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You will be providing advice and support to the Building & Technical Manager and BTS Senior Management Team on health & safety and specifically to:

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- Advise on relevant provisions of health & safety legislation, in accordance with guidelines, codes of practice, advice notes and Council policy.
- Offer advice, training and guidance to staff, tenants, leaseholders and contractors as required on all relevant aspects of health & safety.

You will have demonstrable knowledge of Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, CDM 2007 and associated regulations and guidance and hold a NEBOSH Diploma or equivalent qualification in health and safety and be a Corporate member of IOSH.

Closing date: 21 April 2014

Team Surveyor

£28,922 - £31,160 per annum Vacancy ID: 101142

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You will be actively contributing to the achievement of the wider Housing Landlord aims, operational objectives and future state.

You will have demonstrable knowledge of current relevant legislation and statutory requirements, such as CDM and Asbestos regulations, Health & Safety and COSHH. You must also hold a HNC (or equivalent qualification) in Building, City & Guilds in a recognised building trade or equivalent experience.

Closing date: 21 April 2014

CDM Co-ordinator

£26,539 - £28,922 per annum Vacancy ID: 101140

The purpose of this post is to provide the client function within BTS with an 'independent' project advisor in respect of construction health and safety risk management matters, under the supervision of the Health & Safety Officer.

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Closing date: 21 April 2014

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£18,638 - £20,400 per annum pro rata

Temporary for 9 months

Vacancy ID: 101143

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Using the Election Management system, you will ensure that all individual electoral registration forms are processed in accordance with statutory regulations and guidance, referring queries to the Electoral Services Manager/Officer as appropriate.

The ability to comprehend and follow complex legislative regulations and requirements, apply them to your work and explain them clearly to others is essential along with the ability to analyse complex processes and identify methods for improvement. You must also be able to work evenings and weekends at key work periods.

Closing date: 20 April 2014

Catering Officer - Floating

£15,189 - £16,215 per annum

Vacancy ID: 101149

20 hours per week

You will provide assistance in the kitchen and dining room as required in the provision of catering services.

Duties include making preparations to serve food according to the type of service in place at the centre and maintaining a high level at all kitchen and dining areas in line with agreed Food Hygiene Standards, Health and Safety standards.

The ability to read labels/instructions/equipment manuals is essential along with the ability to record healthy meal plans and make orders for meals. You must be able to work at short notice if necessary; which could include working some evenings and weekends in line with the needs of the service. You will also be expected to undertake the Basic Food Hygiene Training and obtain the Certificate of training within your probationary period.

This position is a floating post to cover absences at all Older Person Day Centres.

Closing date: 20 April 2014

School Crossing Patrol Officers

£6.90 - £7.71 per hour

Vacancy ID: 101167

Term-time, Part-time

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Experience in a similar role and a current full driving licence are essential for this role.

Working hours are an average of 39 per week all year round, including some weekend work.

For further details and an application pack please visit our website: www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to:

hr@bedfordschool.org.uk or posted to Anna Smith,
HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road
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The Harpur Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
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Closing Date
5 May 2014

General Vacancies

PUTTERIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Putteridge Road, Luton LU2 8HJ

Management Information Systems Manager

£24,896 – 27,132 p.a. (Actual Salary)

37 hours per week, term-time plus 4 weeks

Vacancy ID: 101150

"Putteridge High School is a good school" Ofsted 2013

We are looking to appoint an experienced Management Information Systems Manager to join our excellent support team. This is a key post within the school which requires dedication and a highly efficient and responsible approach. The post therefore calls for the ability to work on one's own, to work with a high degree of accuracy and to use judgement and initiative. The ability to remain calm and controlled under the pressures of working in a very demanding and constantly changing environment is also essential. This will require considerable flexibility in working hours and styles and a willingness to undertake training to meet the varying demands of the role.

An application form and job description for this post can be found on our website: www.putteridgehigh.org

Due to the school being closed over the Easter holiday please submit your application to Mrs J Bedford (01582 544081) by email: JBedford@Putteridge.org or by hand to the school.

Closing date: 22 April 2014 at 12noon.

Interviews will be held week beginning: 28 April 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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The post holder will act as the Council's s151 Officer (RFO) and will be required to advise the Clerk and Members on matters relating to the budget, income and expenditure and internal controls, including procedures, method and protocol.

The post requires excellent financial and numeracy skills and understanding of local government. The ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines is essential. Evidence of budget preparation, report writing and committee work, including attendance at meetings, is required.

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Closing date for applications: Friday 9 May 2014.

Interviews to called week commencing: 19 May 2014.

CV's will not be accepted. Full details and an application pack are available from:

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Turners Road North, Luton, Beds LU2 9AH

2 x Class Teachers

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101152

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- Commitment to your own professional development
- A progressive and forward thinking school that reflects our passion to improve.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the school on tel: 01582 729970 to arrange your visit. Visits will be available from 22 April 2014.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 4 May 2014.

Interview date: w/c 19 May 2014.

TENNYSON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tennyson Road, Luton, Beds LU1 3RS

Business and Resource Manager

£28,922 - £31,160 p.a

Vacancy ID: 101168

37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

Tennyson Road Primary is an Ofsted "Outstanding" School going through exciting times. We are expanding and adding a brand new site.

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We are looking for a flexible, committed and an enthusiastic Business Manager:

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 - To manage day to day finance, personnel and administrative operations
 - With strategic planning in terms of forward budgeting, staffing structures, ICT and site developments.
- This is a full time and permanent business manager role. If you can deal with a variety of situations and have a flexible "can do" attitude to work then we want to hear from you!

If you would like an informal chat about the position please call the Tennyson Team on tel: 01582 723 230 or by e-mail: tennyson.road.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 2 May 2014.

Interview date: 16 May 2014.

WHIPPERLEY INFANT ACADEMY

Whipperley Ring, Farley Hill, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 5QY

Class Teacher / Curriculum and Literacy Leader

MPS / UPS plus TLR1 £7,397

Vacancy ID: 101157

We are looking for an outstanding classroom practitioner to act as literacy subject leader and to be the driver behind our creative curriculum reform.

Class Teacher / Subject Leader

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101158

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Closing date: 4 May 2014.

Interview date: w/c 12 May 2014.

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General Vacancies

CRAWLEY GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

Beaconsfield Road, Luton, Beds LU2 0RW

School Cook

£9,726 - £10,614 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 101153

27.5 hours per week, term-time plus 5 training days

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Our school cook will need:

- Excellent cookery skills
- Lots of enthusiasm
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- To use our school grown produce
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For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Brown at the school address, tel: 01582 724267 or email: crawley.infants.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 2 May 2014.

Interview date: 13 May 2014.

WILLIAM AUSTIN INFANT SCHOOL

Culverhouse Road, Luton LU3 1PZ

Class Teacher

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101156

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Closing date: 28 April 2014 at 12noon.

Interview date: 2 May 2014.

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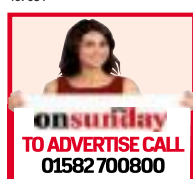
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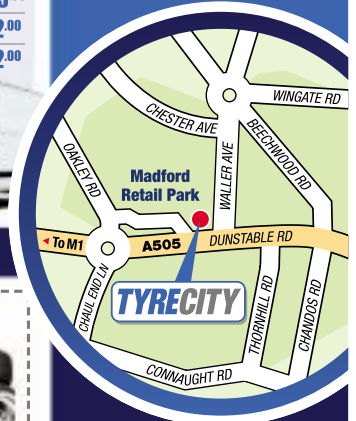
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APPLAUSE: Luton's players acknowledge supporters at the end and must now wait for the title

Iron crash the party

HATTERS

SKRILL PREMIER
LUTON TOWN 2
BRAINTREE TOWN 3

BY TOM SHARP
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LUTON Town's promotion party was temporarily put on hold as bogey team Braintree Town forged a terrific 3-2 Skrill Premier victory at Kenilworth Road yesterday.

With Town just three points from the title, few would have foreseen such a rewriting of the script, despite the Hatters only having beaten Braintree once in four meetings.

In front of 10,000 expectant Hatters and the BT Sport cameras, a belting game ensued nonetheless.

Inside 21 minutes, the visitors had snatched a

two-goal lead thanks to a Dean Wells header and James Mulley's excellent side-foot finish.

Luton's task appeared simpler as Iron keeper Nick Hamann was shown a straight red for a foul on Paul Benson but ultimately the sending-off failed to swing the game in Town's favour.

Unable to break down the robust away side before half time, the Hatters pushed through the gears early in the second and laid siege to Braintree's goal.

It should have been the Alamo for the Iron as they looked to fend off their title-chasing hosts but Chez Isaac's 56th-minute counter-attack goal further stunned the home faithful.

Jake Howells' 62nd-minute penalty and Alex Wall's cracking left-foot strike within three minutes reinvigorated the crowd and gave Town an avalanche of momentum but there was to be no fight-back to clinch the title in style.

Faces filled with trepidation were scattered in and around Kenilworth Road before kick off.

With a five figure crowd in attendance for Town's biggest game in five years, the atmosphere was poignant.

One setback for the hosts was the absence of top scorer Andre Gray, missing after picking up a knock in Tuesday's 2-0 win over Tamworth.

Gray's injury was not the only remnant of that straightforward victory.

In the moments before kick-off, the scoreboard displayed Tuesday's scoreline. This was not to be a premonition of things to come though.

Their opposition, Braintree had found a decent amount of form but a run of 16 games in 45 days might have left them huffing and puffing at the season's climax. Not on this evidence though.

A minute's applause in memory of the Hillsborough disaster brought the fans down

Luton undone at Eton as Stockwood Park run riot

RUGBY UNION

BY TIM BARTLETT
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THE curtain came down on LUTON'S season with a 27-19 defeat on the road to second-placed Eton Manor in London 1 North.

"It was a fair reflection of the game," said Luton's backs coach Nick Rhodes. "They're nothing special, but they know how to manage a game of rugby, their first mistake of the game came in the 43rd minute, we'd made ten or so mistakes by that point."

Luton, who finished fourth, trailed 22-0 at the interval, though with the elements behind them they won the second half convincingly, with tries from Jake Hobbs, Ben Murphy and Adam Harris with Rik Hobbs on target with two, out of a possible three, conversions.

"We'll build on this season's progress," said Rhodes. "We were nearly there this season, but

next year we'll be right in amongst it."

DUNSTABLIANS lost 62-5 to a well-oiled Wellingborough side, with a Josh Klyzmzn try all they had to show for their afternoon's work.

"We had them up front," said Dees' prop Simon George. "But we struggled to get the ball, particularly in the second half, and when they did they scored." The Dees finish the season seventh in Midlands Two East (South), with 49 points from ten wins.

STOCKWOOD PARK ended their league campaign in style, running in 11 tries as they beat fellow Midlands 3 rivals Brackley 67-10.

"We should have put a lot more points on them," said Stockwood's number eight Ben Griffin. "We didn't really get out of third gear."

Crossing the whitewash for Stockwood was Joshua Wolfe, scoring a hat-trick, with Tom Edmonds, Kieran Ryan, James Peddar and James Hankey each scoring two, with Jason Carr slotting five conversions before handing over the kicking duties to James Hankey, who kicked one.



FINAL GAME: Luton's Sam Pacey. Picture: Ian Nancollas

"We're pleased with the team performance," said Griffin. "But Tom Childs' individual contribution was outstanding from open-side flanker, our man of the match, he was absolutely everywhere, turned over everything." Stockwood Park finished the season in fifth place.

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NOT QUITE ENOUGH: Alex Wall celebrates his goal but the Hatters could not complete their comeback

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to earth but there was nothing to cheer about in the opening 25 minutes.

An injury to Alex Lawless after 14 minutes was the first of a series of unhappy events for Luton. Town have not conceded in three games but Wells' free header from Dan Sparkes' corner certainly quietened the crowd.

Just five minutes later, the fairy-tale had further turned to a nightmare as the Iron doubled their lead.

Top scorer Dan Holman squared perfectly for Mulley to tuck home. The script was being re-written in the most unsavoury of fashions for Town.

That was until the half-hour mark when Braintree handed the Hatters a huge lifeline.

If TalkSport get hold of footage of keeper Hamann's crazy run, they are likely to put it in the column of "heads gone."

With Iron defender Sam Habergham shepherding Benson, Hamann rushed 40 yards to meet the pair.

Unfortunately for the keeper, Benson flicked the ball towards the goal and was about to pull the trigger when a tangle of legs brought the loan striker crashing to the ground.

Referee Lee Swabey did not hesitate in delivering Hamann's

marching orders. From there it was all Luton but without the required breakthrough before half time.

Steve McNulty almost made amends for his part in poor defending for Braintree's two early strikes as he smashed a shot just over the bar when afforded acres of space while Matt Robinson's 20-yard volley gave substitute Nathan McDonald a routine save.

Aching for a goal, Town hit the accelerator from the start of the second half.

Benson's deflected 50th-minute shot brushed the crossbar with McDonald beaten. But despite bombarding Braintree's goal, the Iron finished the game before the hour mark.

McNulty's sluggish defensive work allowed Isaac in to finish well and delay Town's promotion party.

When Ryan Peters was harshly adjudged of handling the ball in the box, Jake Howells looked to have merely salvaged a consolation from the penalty spot.

Three minutes later, Wall, recently returning from his Dartford loan spell, recreated his Halifax heroics with a left-foot screamer, via a deflection.

With the wind in their sails, Town pushed for an equaliser

with 20 minutes to go and Mark Cullen was agonisingly denied by the width of the post.

Substitute Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu and Scott Griffiths were just two efforts as Luton peppered the goal but time ran out for the hosts.

A stage would have been erected for a trophy presentation had the Hatters won, but for now the silverware remains safely tucked up in its box. There were no favours from bottom club Hyde either, who lost to Cambridge when a shock win would have also sealed it for the Hatters, who remain 10 points clear.

An anti-climax on a day of promise but not the end of the world for the champions elect.

Luton – Tyler; Henry (capt), McNulty, Franks, Griffiths; Lawless (Rooney (Wall, 61), 14), Robinson (Ruddock-Mpanzu, 61), McGeehan, Howells; Benson, Cullen. Subs not used – Shaw, Justham.

Braintree Town – Hamann; Peters, Wells, Massey, Hagergham; Mulley, Isaac (Laurent, 77), Paine (capt), Sparkes; Cox, Holman (McDonald, 31). Subs not used – Daley, Carney, Jakubiak. Attendance – 10,020.

Promotion hopes take a blow after defeats on the road

FOOTBALL

BY MATT DESAI

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IT was a day to forget for Dunstable Town and Barton Rovers yesterday, as their promotion ambitions took a dent after they both slipped to away defeats.

DUNSTABLE TOWN'S lead at the top of the Southern League Division One Central was cut to just one point as they went down 2-0 against play-off chasers Kettering Town.

Goals in the opening and closing ten minutes of the match were enough to secure the

points for the hosts, who close the gap to the play-off positions to three points.

After a bright start, Nigerian defender Henry Eze got The Poppies off to a flyer on five minutes, when he rammed home James Jepson's corner at the second attempt for 1-0.

The rest of the half failed to live up to its early expectation and the scoreline remained the same at the interval, somewhat of a disappointment to a crowd of 760, the division's second highest of the season.

The Blues failed to re-emerge after the break any better than when they went in, despite Lee Roache's best efforts.

The forward had the ball in the net, only to

find he was ruled offside. The visitors were struggling to connect their passes, set pieces were failing to cause Kettering trouble, and when Nathan Frater slammed over after a defensive error it looked to be one of those days.

Those fears were confirmed with ten minutes to go when a defensive clearance from the hosts found Josh Moreman free on the right, and his cross was prodded in by substitute Dubi Ogbonna to seal the win.

Elsewhere in the division, BARTON ROVERS' play-off hopes hang in the balance after a disappointing 2-0 defeat to Aylesbury at Haywood Way.

After early chances were exchanged between the sides, it was The Moles who took the lead when Bradley Wadkins volleyed home on thirty-nine minutes.

The hosts doubled their lead and ultimately wrapped up the game six minutes into the second-half, when midfielder Ollie Burgess' neat finish beat 'keeper Kyle Forster.

Dan Kenney's side remain in fifth, but defeat leaves them just three points inside the play-offs and five points from automatic promotion.

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Title party on hold as Hatters fail in spotlight



NOT THIS TIME: Mark Cullen can't hide his disappointment as Luton missed their chance yesterday
Picture: Andy Kearns

HATTERS

BY TOM SHARP
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LUTON Town manager John Still says his players got caught in the moment following yesterday's 3-2 Skrill Premier defeat to Braintree Town at Kenilworth Road.

A win would have guaranteed the title and the Hatters' Football League return, however lacklustre defending saw Town 3-0 down by the hour mark, despite holding a man advantage after Braintree keeper Nick Hamann saw red in the first half.

Luton's spirited, late comeback, courtesy of a Jake Howells penalty and substitute Alex Wall's blast, almost salvaged what would have been a memorable result but the visitors hung on.

With the most home fans in attendance at Kenilworth Road for 20 years, Still believes the occasion perhaps got the better of the Hatters.

"In front of the cameras and with the expectation, people did not do their jobs," said Still.

"Maybe the notion of coming here today and playing fast, expansive football and scoring three or four goals was in a lot of people's heads but it was not like that.

"We are playing against a side aiming for the play-offs. They have four players that I know really well who are arguably Football League players playing at a part-time level because they want to so they are a strong team.

"There was a period in the first half where a few of us went gung-ho and it was not a time for heroes.

"We just needed to do what we know but perhaps we just got caught up in the expectation."

Town's woes were added to with the loss of experienced midfielder Alex Lawless, who limped off after just 14 minutes.

The Welshman joins top scorer Andre Gray as a doubt for next week's trip to Welling United but Still believes injuries can not be used as an excuse.

"Losing Alex is a blow but we will not let it worry us," said the Hatters chief.

"Andy Parry and Jonathan

Smith have missed a lot of the campaign and that has not stopped us playing superbly up until now so we will not use Alex's injury as an excuse."

Despite a flat result, Town can still clinch the title if nearest rivals Cambridge United lose at either Kidderminster Harriers on Tuesday or Lincoln City on Good Friday.

"The U's moved to within ten points of Town after yesterday's 7-2 hammering of Hyde at the Abbey Stadium but prior to Cambridge's big win, Still maintained his eye is only on Luton.

"I am not interested in what anyone else is doing," added Still.

"As far as I am concerned, all we have to do is win one more game so that is what I am focussed on.

"If you get too caught up on other teams it will affect you so I am not going to bother looking at other results."

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